

RemarksClaim Rejections Under 35 USC 103(a):

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kagal et al in view of Pfleeger. The Examiner states that Kagal discloses a method for providing access information that includes the steps of:

- receiving, on an electronic device, a request for the information, the request originating from an entity external to the electronic device (pg. 6, step 4).
- Providing a database, external to the electronic device, with cryptographically protected access information instructing the database to forward the information to the external entity (pg. 6, step 6).

In response, the Applicants have amended all independent claims to include the limitations that:

- The information requested is displayed; (page 10, line 24) and
- Access rights are made on a case-by-case basis. (see FIG. 4)

Analysis of Kagal reveals that Kagal teaches the delegation of ones rights to access a database, wherein such rights are delegated *a priori*. More particularly, Kagal assumes some *a priori* setup of policies, axiomatic policies and delegation rights which he does not teach how to accomplish (pg 4 Policy, Par. 1). In contrast, the Applicants specifically claim the fact that access to a database is made on a case-by-case basis.

Notwithstanding this fact, the Applicants amended claims specifically provide for the displaying of information that is requested. Kagal fails to teach or otherwise suggest that the information to be accessed is displayed to an individual for an access determination to be made.

Because Kagal fails to teach or otherwise suggest that information requested is displayed, and that access rights are granted on a case-by-case basis, all independent claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of parentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of

references. As the Applicant has overcome all substantive rejections given by the Examiner the Applicant contends that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's rejections to the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter. Finally, please charge any fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502117.

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